

As a flight attendant I feel the use of cell phones on the aircraft will create an unsafe environment. It is difficult enough now to get people to turn off cell phones, imagine if there were to be an emergency and I needed people to actually pay attention and listen to vital information that might save their lives. They would be too busy trying to reach loved ones. Next try and imagine 50 plus people all carrying on conversations of different voice levels while other people or children are trying to sleep or watch a movie. This will create an atmosphere of tension and more stress than there already is onboard. Add alcohol into the mix and there definitely will be altercations. You can also bring into account terrorists using text messaging to orchestrate their plans with each other in different parts of the aircraft on the larger planes. I work by myself on a CRJ and have to handle 50 passenger plus lap children. My main function is safety of passengers, not being a referee or phone police. Please do not let this measure pass.